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LAND PRO LLC ADDS LAND REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES

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Ray L. Brownfield , ALC AFM, real estate broker, formerly with John Greene Land Company in Oswego, IL, announces the opening of Land Pro, LLC, a full-service land real estate company, located at 2683 US 34 in Oswego, IL. Ray will take on the role of Managing Broker, and Sandy Dockus, who has worked with Ray for the past seven years and also holds a managing broker's license, will fill the role of Director of Operations.

Since 2003, Land Pro has provided professional farm management and consulting services and will now offer land real estate brokerage services. Land Pro is a proponent of providing comprehensive services to clients that maximize the value of real estate through impeccable ethics, education and professional services.

Ray comes from a strong farming background and brings over 40 years of service to the agriculture community. After receiving a degree in agricultural education from Illinois State University, Ray went on to work in agricultural real estate for Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company (Bank of America), The Northern Trust Bank, and in 2003, retired as President of Capital Agricultural Property Services (CAPS), a nation-wide agricultural property management and real estate brokerage company.

Ray earned the REALTORS® Land Institute Accredited Land Consultant (ALC) designation, as well as the Accredited Farm Manager (AFM), designation from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) after meeting stringent educational and transactional requirements.

Ray belongs to the national and state chapters of the REALTORS® Land Institute where he currently serves as national Immediate Past President. He also belongs to the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ISPFMRA) having served as president in 1977, and is a recipient of the ISPFMRA Hall of Fame Award. Ray served as national president of ASFMRA in 2007, and in 2012, received their highest award, the lifetime achievement award named after ASFMRA's founder, D. Howard Doane.

When asked why he was starting your own real estate company when many are retiring or selling their business, Ray's reply was, "I have always loved the business of working with agriculture and providing the highest quality services to my clients when finding solutions to ownership goals and then exceeding the client's expectations, and at the same time having the opportunity to spend time on the land and with farmers. Agriculture has finally come into its own and I believe the years ahead offer tremendous change and opportunity. I have an incredible passion for this business and want to be a part of it for years to come. It just does not get any better than this."

Ray and his wife Patty have resided in Naperville for the past 35 years, and are members of Grace United Methodist Church.

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